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"Preparing Now,
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"Growing and Sustaining
Harford's Prosperity"

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"Protecting Our
Environment"

QUALITY LIVING

"Safeguarding What is
Important to Harford
County Citizens"

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Harford County Government Receives Distinguished Budget Presentation Award *County receives award for the eighth consecutive year*

(Bel Air, MD) - - The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has announced that Harford County Government has received the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. The award reflects the commitment of Harford County Government, to meet the highest principles of governmental budgeting.

To receive the award, Harford County Government had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These requirements are designed to assess how well a budget serves as a policy document; a financial plan; operational guide and communication device. Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories, as well as the fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

The governmental entity identified by the GFOA as being primarily responsible for the county receiving the award was the Office of Budget and Management Research under the direction of Kimberly K. Spence, Chief of Budget.

Approximately 1,250 governmental entities received the GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 2010 fiscal year. Those receiving the GFOA award have distinguished themselves and pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting.

Commenting on the GFOA award to Harford County Government, County Executive David R. Craig stated, "We are extremely pleased and proud to receive this prestigious award. The efforts of Kim Spence and the entire staff of the Office of Budget and Management Research exemplify the best service to government and the citizens we serve."

The Government Finance Officers Association is a nonprofit professional association serving nearly 17,400 government finance professionals throughout North America. The GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting.

